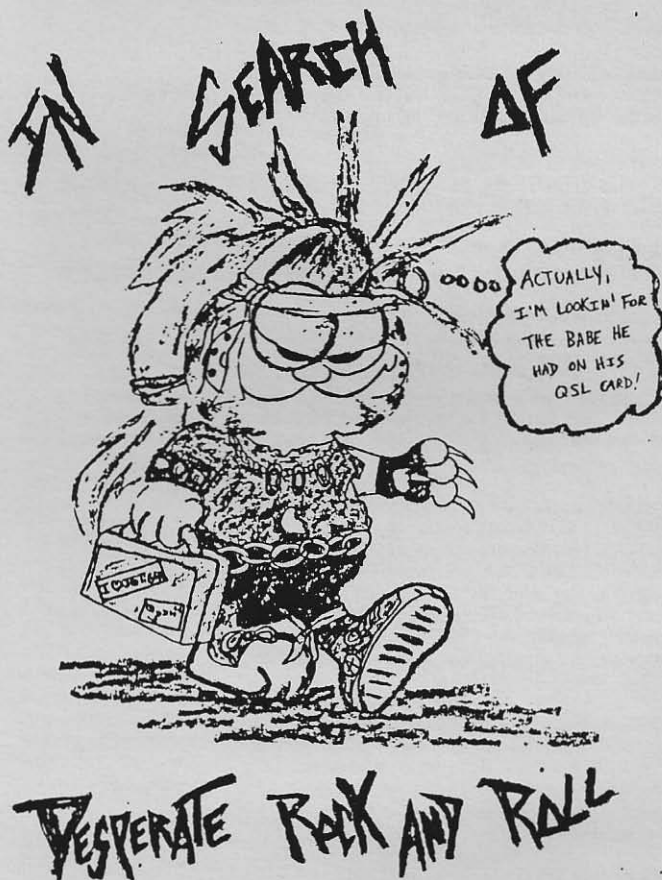


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LATE LOGS

Logs are up to date. (JF)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Radio Blandengue-Merlin, ONT

July 23-0015-0200*-14565-?. No details given. (LS, OH 353+)

Radio Marabunta-Casilla 159, Santiago 14, Chile

Aug. 6-0037-0100-14565-LSB. (relay via Radio Blandengue) Mostly Spanish pop mx & some Andean flute mx, frequent IDs. (RC, MA good)

Radio Skyline- same as Alfa Lima Int.

July 22/23-2325-0117+-15070-AM. Pgm of instrumental rock mx w/OM anncr giving fairly frequent stn IDs. (GZ, OH 252+) (LS, OH 353+)

Radio Sunflower- Ytterby, Sweden

July 22-0100-0115+-15810-AM. Pgm of rock mx w/OM anncr mentioning QSLs. (GZ OH 252+)

July 22/23-2330-0120+-15810-AM. No details given. (LS, OH 353+)

NORTH AMERICA-SHORTWAVE

Blind Faith Radio- blindfaithradio@yahoo.com

Aug. 6-2120-2130-6955-USB. Mx by Judas Priest, Yes & Fleetwood Mac, Doctor Napalm sd there was too much dead air & that he would be back later. (BF, PA very good)

KIPM-Lula, GA

Aug. 5-0226-0255-6951.4-USB. Kickin' off stn's marathon weekend. (ZR, CA 444)

Aug. 5-0336-0535+-6950-USB. Marathon continues. (ZR, CA 444)

Aug. 6-0209-0226+-6950-USB. Pgm called "The Dead Zone" w/OM imitating the old Outer Limits television show. (RC, MA 433) (ZR, CA 444)

Aug. 6-0257-0302*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/6, 0209 UTC pgm. (JC, ONT 323 very well produced!) (GM, CT 434)

Aug. 6-0326-0400+-6955-USB. Replay of 8/6, 0209 UTC pgm. (GM, CT 434) (ZR, CA 444)

KRMI-QSLs via loggings

Aug. 6-0422-0426-6954.9-USB. Hrd "Amos Moses", Jerry Reed & brief ID. (ZR, CA 333)

MIDI Radio- midiradio@yahoo.com

July 30-0126-0151-6954.9-USB. Repeat show. (ZR, CA 334)

Psycho Radio-QSL info unknown

July 22-0430-0459-6955-?. No details given. (LS, OH 454)

July 23-0351-0427*-6955-USB. Live brdcast w/rock songs. (MP, SD 322 PLS QSL) (ZR, CA 333)

July 31-0332-0338-6954.9-USB. Mx & sfx. (ZR, CA 233)

Aug. 5-0329-0525+-6955-USB. Usual mx & talk. (ZR, CA 322)

Aug. 7-0356-0505+-6954.9-USB. Mx & some comedy. (ZR, CA 222)

Radio Metallica Worldwide-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

July 22-0500-0519-6950-USB. Replay of Allen Weiner show. (SG, IL 434) (ZR, CA 333 as Radio Tornado WW)

Radio Obscura-sd to send reports to Dialogs

Aug. 5-0257-0333-6950-USB. Game show parody, segments of The Mean Farmer, Dr. Bud Natural & requested logs to ACE. (ZR, CA 444) (BT, WV nice signal)

Aug. 6-0426-0509-6954.9-USB. Replay of 8/5, 0257 UTC show. (ZR, CA 444)

Voice Of Lake Superior Circle Route Radio Network-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

July 23-0245-0302*-6955-USB. Songs: "Cracklin' Rose", "King Of The Road", "Tie Me Kangaroo Down" & "Taste Of Honey", sd mobile brdcast. (MP, SD 332)

Voice Of The Runaway Maharishi-Providence, RI

July 22-0354-0423+-6955-USB. The Maharishi w/replay of an old show, mx by Black Sabbath, sd "die FCC". (SG, IL 333 mobile) (LS, OH 454) (ZR, CA 333)

WHYP- whyp1530@yahoo.com

July 23-0332-0350*-6955-USB. Various rock instrumental mx plus James Brownyard bits. (GZ, OH 353+) (MP, SD 322 PLS QSL) (ZR, CA 333)

July 27-0256-0306-6950-USB. Replay of 7/23, 0332 UTC pgm. (ZR, CA 232)

Aug. 6-0103-0153*-6950.2-AM. Anthology show w/original parody tunes like "Hotel JTA", "JTA Went Down To Georgia", "Livin' La Vida Lula" & a take off on "867-5309" using JTA's home phone #. (RC, MA 453) (GZ, OH 454) (GM, CT 434)

Aug. 7-0100-0147*-6950-USB. Replay of 8/6, 0103 UTC show. (BF, PA very good) (JC ONT 433 good show!)

WMFQ-Providence, RI

July 29-0347+-6950-USB. Repeat show. (ZR, CA 333)

July 31-0234+-6954.8-USB. Hrd song "Fifty Ways To Leave Your Lover". (ZR, CA 233)

Aug. 5-0400-0418-6955-USB. Mx by ELO & usual stn ID. (JC, ONT 333) (ZR, CA 333)

WRX-anned new drop of PO Box 29, Wilton, ME 00294

Aug. 6-0303-0312*-6955-USB. Jimmy yelling about Y2K & using disgusting language. (JC, ONT 323 PLS QSL) (GM, CT 433)

UNIDENTIFIED

July 22-0443-0514*-6955-USB. Six rock songs including "Communication Breakdown". (MP, SD 322) (ZR, CA 333)

July 22-0516-0524*-6955-USB. Two rock songs then abruptly off. (MP, SD 322)

July 22-1351-1418-6954.8-?. Country mx countdown pgm & some commercials, maybe a relay of a Canadian stn? (LS, OH 354)

July 23-0304-0308*-6955-USB. Song "Whip It" by Devo. (MP, SD 332) (ZR, CA 323)

July 23-0311-0315-6950.6-USB. Hrd funky mx. (ZR, CA 233)

Aug. 7-0201-0229-6955-?. "Yo-I-Io" pirate song similar to what RFEC used to use, a few other tunes but OM was barely audible. (LS, OH 453)

Aug. 7-0315-0331-6955-USB. Song mentioning "Lottery Girl". (JC, ONT 333)

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DX NEWS OF INTEREST

Deadline for October 2000 Dialogs: September 20th

VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: September 19th.

Hello and welcome back yet again to another edition of THE ACE's QSL column, aka *Veried Response*. Slim Pickin's yet again this month with only two QSLs being reported. Oh well, August is traditionally the slowest time of year. I'd expect things will pick up when we all go back to school/work in September.

Ross "The Boss" Comeau from Andover, MA got so excited it showed up on the Richter Scale when he found a QSL from the Europirate RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND in his mailbox! A full data QSL sheet came in 21 days for reception on 11485 kHz, signed by D.J. Ronald. Address is: Box 663, 7900 AR Hoogeveen, Holland.

Ye Olde Columniste, John T. Arthur of Belfast, NY fell flat on his back and had trouble getting up upon finding a nice full data computer generated certificate #5 from RADIO OBSCURA in 16 days signed by Anonymous One. JTA's first QSL in almost a year.

That, I'm afraid is it! Remember this is your club. Don't expect the other guy to send in his reports. It takes everybody's support to keep a club alive and well. Hope to see your report in my mailbox/ email box soon!

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CLANDESTINE PROFILE

By George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2045 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page. My prior internet addresses will be expiring shortly; you should use the ones listed here from now on.

CLANDESTINE RADIO WATCH RESTORES E-MAIL SERVICE

Martin Schoech of Germany, the coordinator of the wonderful *Clandestine Radio Watch* internet newsletter, has announced that he has restored the policy of distributing CRW via e-mail. Some recipients had trouble accessing the CRW web site, so he decided to start distribution of the content via e-mail once again. Once he does this for a couple of people, it's just as easy to do it for lots of people. So, if you'd like to receive CRW via e-mail, a note to Martin via will add you to the list.

Clandestine Radio Watch is still posted on the CRW web site, so if you don't want this newsletter via e-mail, you can still pick up this great clandestine station news summary at the traditional <http://www.swl.net/swl-de/crw-main.html> URL.

CLANDESTINE RADIO INTEL REMINDER

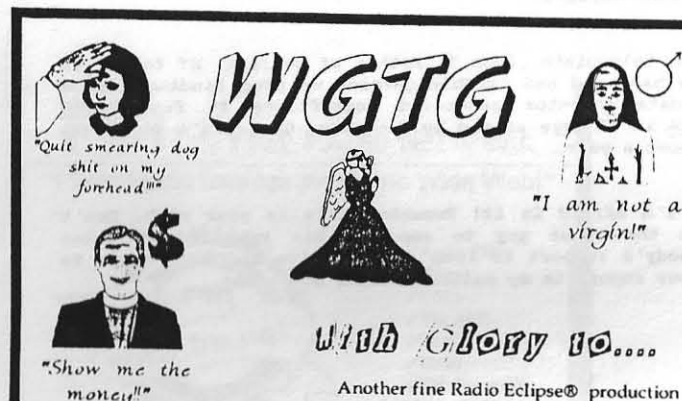
As we mentioned last month, Clandestine Radio Intel, the award-winning web site of our own Nick Grace, has the following announcement listed on it: "During the Summer of 2000 CRI will not be updated as webmaster Nick Grace C. will be in Jakarta, Indonesia." Now that summer is drawing to a close, we should begin checking <http://www.qsl.net/yb0rmi/cland/> once again to see if Nick has returned.

NO PHILADELPHIA CLANDESTINE?

ACE member Bill Finn sent in an e-mail noting that he planned on checking for the Anarchist FM clandestine during the Republican convention. Bill apparently failed to find anything, and I noticed no press coverage of the station. Thus, it appears that there was a no-show here, despite Mobilization Radio's track record of previous transmissions during demonstrations in Seattle and Washington, DC. Despite this non-action, the <http://www.ainfos.ca/> is worth remembering for any future prospective broadcasts. However, the last time that I checked this web site, all recent references to FM clandestine radio activities had disappeared.

GERMAN FM CLANDESTINE

There may have been no station in Philadelphia, but Martin Schoech forwards news that German officials raided a FM clandestine in Forst, located near the German border with Poland. The station allegedly was broadcasting shows in support of an "anti-fascist border camp." Martin was a little sparse on details in English, but a web site has more details at <http://www.nadir.org/camp/index.de.htm> on the internet. This station apparently has links to leftist organizations, since Martin notes that the www.nadir.org server also has a web site for the ELN Colombian clandestine Radio Patria Libre. I had a little trouble precisely translating Martin's good German with my meager German skills, so I hope that I am not butchering Martin's report. But, it does appear that the leftist clandestine was interfering with at least one transmitter of the SFB4 German network on



94.4 MHz. As you may know, the European FM band spacing is somewhat different than it is in North America.

The station was operating in association with "camp00" that ran between July 29 and August 6 in Forst/Brandenburg in Germany. You were invited, even if you did not go, and you can check out the invitation text on the internet at <http://www.nadir.org/camp/2000/07/02/845.html> in English. They also have a page of pictures so that you can see what you missed, although I saw no references to the clandestine broadcaster on this web site.

RADIO BOB AND ALAN MAXWELL ON CHIAPAS CLANDESTINES

If you are a regular listener to Glenn Hauser's World of Radio, or if you have already read the August 3 edition of Glenn's DX Listening Digest on the web, you already know that both Radio Bob of RBCN and Alan Maxwell of KIPM provided both pirate and clandestine commentary on La Voz de la Zapatista. As we know from several previous Clandestine Profile columns, from time to time this internet program service for Chiapas, Mexico has been showing up on the pirate bands as a clandestine station relay.

Radio Bob checked in with Glenn to note that Zapatista programming has not been relayed via North American pirate KIPM. Furthermore, Alan Maxwell of KIPM confirmed that these transmissions have been coming from someplace other than him. Maxwell notes that Post Office Box 24, Lula, Georgia 30554 remains a valid maildrop for KIPM, but he does not intend to QSL any Zapatista reports that did not emanate from his station. ACE member Charlie Crawford, who Glenn cited as the original source of this KIPM/Zapatista rumor, later checked in to the August 7 DX Listening Digest to note that although KIPM programming ran back to back with La Voz de la Zapatista on 13910 kHz between 2112-2340 UTC on June 3, with a half hour Chiapas transmission sandwiched between two different KIPM broadcasts, Charlie has no way to tell if the shows really came from the same transmitter. Charlie notes the well-known fact that KIPM is an excellent verifier via Lula.

SAM VORON IN SOMALIA

Well-known veteran DXer Chuck Rippel of Virginia checks in to forward an item from Hans Johnson in the August 19 *Cumbre DX* special edition #308.1. Voron, the force behind Radio Free Bougainville, notes the observed schedules of a variety of shortwave outlets in Somalia. Sam says that the regular Radio Mogadishu is on 6750 kHz from 0400-0500, 0900-1100, and 1500-1900 UTC, with Somali language programming and no English. Sam says that the station is somewhat intermittent, and is not on the air daily. It should not be confused with the clandestine Radio Mogadishu on 6790 kHz that Sam heard signing on at 1500 UTC. Unfortunately we might have a shot at the former Radio Mogadishu, but the latter certainly is not beaming its shows to North America at 1500 UTC on this band.

ACE EDITOR ON DAVE KIRBY NETCAST

On July 23 I was a guest on Dave Kirby's live internet shortwave netcast show. It's too late to hear this program live, although Dave has posted the show up on his web site for download. The technology of this pioneering service is still a little confusing for me, so I think that I'll just print the promotional announcement that Dave issued in advance of this program. That way I won't foul up any descriptions of the technical details:

"Hi Folks, Just a reminder to join me this Sunday July 23rd at 1500 UTC when I will be talking to "World Famous Pirate and Clandestine Enthusiast" George Zeller on CyberShortwave Live! George will be discussing how he got his start in shortwave listening, the current state of Clandestine and Pirate Radio, The Winter SWL fest, The ANARC SWL NET, receiver reviews, and much, much more..."

You are invited to join Internet Relay Chat Channel #SWL (via an efnet server during the netcast) to tap George's extensive knowledge of radio monitoring. It promises to be the best CyberShortwave Live netcast ever!

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Extensive help files and FAQ sheets are available on www.live365.com

You are invited to join the interaction by connecting to Internet Relay Chat Channel #SWL (via Efnet) during the program and/or E-mailing your comments, loggings, or requests to n1dk@n1dk.com

Details on how to listen to CyberShortwave "live" also appear on my web site www.n1dk.com

Join us as we travel around the world via Shortwave and the Internet. 73, Dave Kirby N1DK"

If all that means more to you than it does to me, then you will probably be able to hear Dave's program as it is aired about every other week. Details are on Dave's web site, as he says above. It was my first experience with netcasting, and I have to say that it was a very pleasant experience. Dave and I talked about the old 7240 ANARC SWL net, about pirates and clandestines, and about DXing in general. We mentioned ACE frequently. In fact, we talked at great length. The show ran for more than two hours. I have been on the radio scores of times before, but I never have been on any program that had no time limits, and in which we could just talk away at great length. This sort of thing could eventually provide serious competition to regular licensed broadcasting, sort of in the way that cable TV is beginning to knock the stuffings out of the regular television networks. If you'd like to check out this pioneering broadcast effort, why not check out all of this on Dave Kirby's web site?

SHORTWAVE BOOKS

Many of us are interested in books about shortwave radio. In Sheldon Harvey's latest Radio H.F. Internet Newsletter, Volume 2, Number 007, he notes that there is a nice listing of these books at <http://www.angelfire.com/ct2/giantsteps/lsw/lsw.html> on the web. You might want to check this site out. If you're interested in a free subscription to Sheldon's monthly newsletter, you can contact him at his ve2shw@rac.ca e-mail address. He'll be happy to add you to the list. Many of us have known Sheldon for many years; he always exhibits at the Winter SWL Festival in Kulpville, Pennsylvania.

HOW ABOUT THAT SERVICE FROM ACE?

Undoubtedly you have noticed that ever since John T. Arthur assumed the role of interim ACE publisher, the bulletins have been arriving on time every single month. In fact, they actually have been arriving a couple of days early. As a result, ACE currently has the best record of timely delivery of any publication in the shortwave hobby. We all owe John a great round of applause for this amazing service.

As we have been mentioning frequently of late, ACE still has a "help wanted" sign clearly posted. All of the work that goes into the production of monthly issues of *The*

ACE is done on a complete volunteer basis. Some of us have been looking for a way to get involved in our club, and there has never been a better time to join the ranks of the volunteers. If you are interested in joining this effort, why not send a note to John T. Arthur at Post Office Box 1, Belfast, New York 14711. The rest of us will welcome you with open arms.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), Chuck Rippel (Virginia), Sheldon Harvey (Quebec), Dave Kirby (Ohio), Bill Finn (Pennsylvania), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by September 16 for the October *Clandestine Profile*.

Micro'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten & educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 and micro radio- this is YOUR column! Please send all newspaper clippings, tapes, station profiles and what-have-you to the address or e-mail address above.

OBIT: It was with great sorrow I learned of a good longtime radio friend passing away recently, Mr. William D. (Bill) Cheek. John Arthur, I believe, will have further info in this newsletter of his passing. Both John and I wrote columns for Bill's news letter, *The Eleven Meter Times & Journal* back in the mid and late '80s; John was the West Coast DX Editor and I was the Equipment Review editor. Bill was harassed out of that newsletter by the FCC for publishing TOO MUCH information, although it was high-quality on how to cleanly run a CB station and NOT harass the neighbors!

Bill then went on to publish the highly popular *World Scanner Report* newsletter and several Scanner Modification books, which began with upgrades and mods to the PRO line of Radio Shack (and related) scanners. Near the end, the FCC again started harassing Bill and his wife Cindy, saying several modifications would violate some (vaporous) Rules & Regs. Later, Bill was set up in a "sting" operation, allegedly selling a Fed agent a data-slicing device like that already sold by several large U.S. scanner distributors and dealers. No matter that *they* were selling them, the Feds just wanted to "get" Bill.

After learning he was in the advanced stages of lung cancer after years of smoking, the Feds turned up the heat, laying down conditions that Bill and Cindy would have to appear in court in New York State, at their own expense for travel & lodging. This, to me, was a setup to destroy someone who cared about quality in communications, no matter what the level. Eventually, before getting to a full-blown court date, Bill passed away - I certainly hope he has all the radio goodies he can stand where he is. He will be missed....

STATION PROFILE: I was SO thrilled to hear from "Tim", operator of 100.9 FM in the BIG state of Texas! Tim has a long history of low-powered broadcasting, starting in the mid-'80s, many times operating 24/7. He recently suspended operations to comply with the FCC's idea of "not licensing pirates", but with all the political hullabaloo, he's back on the air again in Part 15 mode. He operates late Friday nights, with an eclectic mix of music and is compliant with 3rd channel adjacent rules. If you want to see a FULL review of his station, log on the Web at: <http://members.aol.com/tsmt/100p9fm.htm> and you'll have his history at your fingertips. You may also contact Tim at: TSMT@aol.com. Thanks, Tim, for your contribution- keep up the good work!



RADIO WORLD COLUMNIST GOES LPAM! Alan R. Peterson has gone Low Power AM with LPB, Inc.'s AM-2000 in his neighborhood! The past couple of RW issues shows his review and experimentation with the transmitter; he then called LPB and told them they wouldn't be getting it back!

To be sure, there has been some confusion over lengths regarding LPAM antennas & ground leads; the rules state the combo of both should not exceed 3 meters, about 10 feet. Hey, FCC, send the metrics back overseas, this is the U.S.A. and we use Standard Measurement here! Nonetheless, some folks tried to get away from ground wires by mounting units atop towers or poles for greater distance.

In a letter from the FCC's John A. Reed in reply to Robert Ladd, owner of WNRN(FM) of Bellevue, OH (Radio World, Aug. 8 issue), the FCC counts the ELECTRICAL length of the antenna, especially if a loading coil is used AND the ground, if the unit is grounded to a pole or tower. They want to ensure operation will go no farther than 250 feet. From what I understand, this only counts if the unit is actually grounded to the supporting structure. So don't ground your AM transmitter to that 60 foot tower! No ground radials, either....

It seems as if the LPFM proposal and related political bull-jive will keep things locked up for quite some time. So it seems as if LPAM may be the new avenue to explore. During the day locally, there are a few spots open, but at night, the signals pop out of the DX. As I mentioned 'way back, I began my radio hobby with AM DXing and still enjoy it from time to time. Since the world above 1610 is filled up and stations having to vacate the "lower dial" in the coming years, there may be some holes to fill in with LPAMers!

One of the few dudes I know that's been on AM for any length of time is The Dude of AM600, a Carrier Current AM station. The Dude has had several AM and FM stations over the years, even donating a Part 15 AM transmitter to me for usage. Unfortunately, with my busy schedule, I've not been able to put it to full-time use yet, but it's there, waiting! The Dude recently sent me details & schematic for a cheap, reliable phone patch one can build from Radio Shack or other parts. Basically, it's a half-patch, which retrieves audio from the phone line only; the jock has to use the telephone handset to get his/her voice in the mix also. But, from what The Dude tells me, it works great!

The build procedure is too lengthy for this particular column, but if you want the info immediately, contact The Dude at: rreh917@hotmail.com or via snail mail at: AM600, PO Box 422, Wellsville, NY 14895-0422, and enclose a SASE. I will probably make this info into a two-part series for future columns.

Speaking of gear, the alt.radio.pirate newsgroup (on UseNet) yielded a couple of TX mods for Radio Shack's FM beam antennas. If you cannot find this, send me a First Class SASE for copies. In fact, if you want both the antenna plans AND The Dude's plans, send me an SASE with two 33-cent stamps. Remember, no SASE, no goodies....

MUSIC SERVICE: I was recently contacted by 89.7 WCPE with the offer of FREE, non-stuffy classical music, available via Galaxy 5 satellite! As you may have read before, I'm a proponent of utilizing free audio subcarriers from satellites- there's many different formats, especially like the old radio shows of yesteryear you hardly hear any more! WCPE is in discrete stereo analog audio on G5, TR#7, 5.58/6.12. They even tell me there may even be a way to reimburse LPFMers for their broadcast costs! WCPE can be contacted 24 hours a day at 800-556-5178; ask for Dick Storck, Rae Weaver or William Woltz for details. You may also visit their website at: www.wcpe.org or e-mail them at: signal@wcpe.org.

My own C-band satellite system has been disconnected, due to my wife wanting Dish Network, but it's still there, waiting! See you next time! 73 de Bud

Covert Comms

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Remember last month when I told you about the Mossad spy arrested in Switzerland for wiretapping? Well apparently the Mossad has a few job openings, since they're advertising for agents. Advertisements placed in newspapers stated recruits should be aged 25-35 and be tempted by a "thrilling" career. Applicants are invited to send in a resume to join "an elite unit which demands both exceptional skills and exceptional motivation". Apparently the Mossad has had difficulty attracting new agents, so Prime Minister Ehud Barak approved the new ad campaign. Interested parties should contact Mossad headquarters using the secret frequency.

More fun stuff: belly dancers in the United Kingdom are objecting to Iraq's decision to train agents as belly dancers to target dissidents in London. According to the Telegraph, British belly dancers say the Iraqi agents will undermine their business. There is such fierce competition for places to belly dance in London that one restaurant runs a contest on Lebanese television where the prize is a one-month contract to perform there. It's also been reported that a well-known Iraqi belly dancer plans to set up a school in London as a cover for giving support to Saddam's spies. "There is already little work for belly dancers in Britain these days," said Ms. Kathy Salford, who has been a belly dancer for more than 30 years and has performed in most of the well-known clubs across the Middle East. "This will deter customers from attending legitimate clubs or taking dance classes." Hmm... It's just my personal opinion, but after belly dancing for 30 years, perhaps it's time to retire anyway?

Now a little more closer to home. Recently I've been hearing an odd signal on or around 4796. The signal is a kind of repetitive, thumping pulse signal which sounds like it sweeps downward in frequency. The signal has a bandwidth about 30 kHz wide. I reported this signal to the WUN and Spooks mailing lists, however nobody knows what the signal is. It is still going as I type this. It was suggested that it may be some sort of over-the-horizon (OTH) radar signal. This could be the explanation, as the signal has a very wide bandwidth and similar characteristics of OTH radar (like the "thumping" sound it produces). But, without any kind of definite evidence as to what the signal actually is, it will have to remain unidentified for now.

That's all for this month. Please send your contributions & loggings to me at the address at the top of the page.

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As George keeps reminding you, The ACE is an all-volunteer group, and without the help of writers we wouldn't have a publication. If you think you could contribute to the effort, feel free to contact Hdq with a proposal - at least have a firm idea in mind of what you'd like to contribute, whether it's a column, some graphics, or whatever. A couple years back Tom Severt proposed a new Numbers Station column and we all know what happened to that - he was shanghaied and chained to his computer to write it! We're still looking for a permanent (well, as permanent as possible under the circumstances) Publisher - if you have 10 to 12 hours per month to contribute and have access to an inexpensive copy shop, please contact Hdq!

Something new has been added to your monthly ACE! As of this issue, all graphics and other illustrations are scanned in - rather than taped up. We hope this will result in better quality. We know it will result in fewer lost QSL and poster samples!

Speaking of graphics, we can always use copies of YOUR verifications to fill empty space and otherwise dress up the newsletter. Do NOT send your originals, however - clean photocopies will do the trick. You can also email them as jpeg attachments to Hdq, if you prefer. The membership will thank you for your contributions!

And we'd like to thank folks who made contributions to the club Treasury over the last few months to help keep things alive. We certainly know who the serious Enthusiasts are!

As Bud mentioned in his column this month, another dear friend passed away in July. Bill Check was probably best known as "the scanner guru", but he made many other contributions to the electronics and radio fields and will definitely be missed. Bud and I met via Bill's *EMTJ* in the mid-80s, and have kept in touch ever since thru good times and bad.

They say bad news comes in "threes". This is the third straight month we've run an obit and I sincerely hope it's the last month for a long time.

As Raunchy Rick used to say, "keep your ears peeled!"

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